JOHN BURT

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CHAPTER XXV.—Continued.

The valet opened the door and John Burt entered.

For a moment Blake did not recognize him. The moustache and beard had disappeared, and the strong regular lines of John Burt's face were in perfect harmony with the keen, calm and discerning eyes.

"Hello, Jim; what's the matter with you?"

"M'all right, John, ol' fellow; m'all right! Glad to see ye, dear ol' John! Have a drink, John! Glad to see ye!"

Blake swayed and fell into John Burt's arms. His flushed face and reeking breath told their own story without the help of the emptied decanter. Blake weighed two hundred pounds, but John picked him up and laid him on the couch as if he were a child.

"You're knocked out, Jim," he said. "Take a nap, old man, and you'll be all right when you wake up."

With a dull smile on his lips Blake sank into a deep slumber.

The minute hand of the little clock crawled half its way around the circle before John Burt left the side of his friend. His eyes were fixed on the motionless figure, but his thoughts wandered far away.

Blake groaned and muttered in his sleep. At first his words were incoherent, but as his excitement grew his voice became distinct, and in a higher key he exclaimed:

"This is awful—awful! What shall I do; what shall I do? I love her! I love her, and no one shall stand between us, no one, by God! no one, not even—" The sentence ended in a moan and again he sank into quiet slumber.

Pacing up and down the room John stepped on a crumpled newspaper. He picked it up, glanced carelessly at the date and name and ran his eye over the pages.

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The first words that caught his attention were "Miss Jessie Carden." John Burt stood like a statue and read the paragraph which had thrown Blake into a frenzy of fear.

Every word burned itself into his brain. Instinctively he drew back like one menaced by a blow struck in the dark. Then the enormity of the thing came to him. Crushing the paper in his hand, he strode across the room and towered over the figure of the man who had requited years of friendship with and act of treachery.

Blake's face was turned toward him—the handsome, clear-cut features of the one he had known since boyhood. For an instant the impulse to strike this man dead in his sleep came to John Burt. Then a flood of feeling checked the swelling tide of his rage.

"How could you do such a thing, Jim?" he exclaimed, unconsciously aloud.

For hours John Burt concentrated his mind on the strange problem which had so suddenly arisen. At times a wave of anger swept over him, but in the end charity won against odds which seemed overwhelming.

It was dark when Blake awoke from his stupor. He raised himself on his elbows and stared wildly about the room until his eyes rested on John Burt. John laid aside the book he had made a pretense of reading.

"Do you feel better, Jim?" he asked, as Blake struggled to his feet, and passed his hand wearily across his eyes.

"I beg pardon for this foolishness!" exclaimed Blake looking ruefully first at John and then at the decanter. "As you know, I'm not given to drinking. I felt very bad this morning and took some brandy on an empty stomach. Are you sure I said nothing to offend you, John?"

"You have said nothing to offend me since that day we had the fight near the creek in old Rocky Woods," returned John, looking Blake frankly in the face. The latter's eyes dropped in confusion.

"We'll say no more about it," added John. "Take your bath, and by the time you are ready, I will see that Roberts has dinner served."

During and after the meal John let the conversation back over the years they had spent together. Blake was strangely silent. As a rule he took the lead over his quiet companion on such occasions, but this evening when he attempted to join in the conversation, something arose in his throat and choked him.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Hawkins Makes a Discovery.

John Hawkins strode into the office of James Blake & Company at an early hour the following Monday morning, and after greeting the nominal head of the firm was shown to John Burt's room.

"Might glad to see you, my boy," his deep voice rumbled as he laid a giant palm on the shoulder of the younger man.

They talked for several minutes on commonplace topics. Mr. Hawkins studied the face of the younger with a scrutiny which did not escape John Burt.

"In your new disguise—or lack of disguise—you strangely remind me of some one," said Mr. Hawkins suddenly. "You told me once, as I remember, that you were born in Massachusetts, didn't you?"

"I did," replied John, "and I also told you that Burton was not my right name. Now, I'm going to tell you who I am, though you must guard my secret for a while yet—a short while, I hope."

"'John Burton' is good enough for me," asserted the magnate, grimly. "I know you're all right, and I'll bet a million on it. Don't tell me, my boy, if you run any risk by doing so."

"There is no reason why I should not tell you," said John, after a moment's pause. "Here is an advertisement I recently ran across in a San Francisco newspaper. Read it."

John Hawkins adjusted his glasses and read the following:

"To John Burt of Hingham, Mass.—All rewards offered for your arrest by Randolph or Arthur Morris are hereby withdrawn, and you are exempt from prosecution at our hands.

"(Signed)

"Randolph Morris,
"Arthur Morris."

John Hawkins read it slowly and looked searchingly into the face of the young man.

"So your name's Burt? Ever have a relation by the name of Peter Burt?"

"My grandfather's name is Peter Burt," replied John.

"Was he a whaling captain?"

"He was captain and part owner of the whaler 'Segregansett,'" answered John.

Hawkins vented his surprise in strange exclamations, and John Burt was silent, in puzzled amazement.

"John Burt, grandson to old Captain Pete Burt! This is too rich! My boy, there's a feud between the houses of Burt and Hawkins, but it shall not extend to your generation. We'll bury it right now! Did the old man ever mention the name of Jack Hawkins to you?"

"Never."

"I suppose not. It isn't likely he would," and again Mr. Hawkins seemed vastly amused. "Well, I was his first mate on the Segregansett. Captain Burt was nearly sixty years old then, and I was about twenty-six. There was an idea abroad that no man who trod a deck beneath an American flag could lick Jack Hawkins, and, barring one man, I guess they had the facts fixed up about right. Do you see that scar?"

He ran his fingers through the iron-gray locks and pushed them back from his forehead. There showed a livid mark with four black circles.

"Those round black marks are the prints of your dear old grandfather's knuckles," he said, letting the hair drop back into place. "They've been there thirty odd years. I'll tell you how it happened. Captain Burt was a very religious man, according to his own standards. He was particularly down on swearing. A cuss word drove him crazy and I've seen him pound a man nearly to death for a harmless 'damn.'

"We had a sailor named Bilson," continued Mr. Hawkins. "He was one of those clumsy, aggravating fools whose very looks were an incentive to profanity. It came on to blow one night and I sent Bilson aloft. He managed to foul the fore-royal clew lines and when I yelled at him he laughed in his idiotic way, and I was boiling mad all over. While I was relieving my mind I felt a hand on my shoulder, and it wasn't a gentle one, either.

"Not another word from your blasphemous mouth, Jack Hawkins!" said Captain Burt.

"'You go to hell!' I said, so mad I didn't know what I was saying.

"He gave me a cuff on the side of the head with the palm of his hand. It was not heavy, but it made me crazy.

"'So you'd like to pray God to forgive you,' he said.

"No man had ever struck me before and I swung at him with my right. I caught him a glancing blow above the eye. He didn't even raise his hands.

"'Hit me again, Jack Hawkins!' he said, calm as if asking me to pass him the salt.

"I aimed for his chin, but caught him on the neck. It was like striking a brick wall. His arm smashed through my guard, and his fist landed full on my temple. It was a frightful blow and I went sprawling to the deck. Before I could make a struggle he picked me up and hurled me over the rail. As I came up I caught one glimpse of the Segregansett through the mist, as she heeled to port in the gale.

"The water revived me, and I succeeded in kicking off my boots. I swam in the direction of the ship, and by sheer good luck bumped into a hen-coop, which some one—Captain Burt most likely—had thrown overboard. I floated around on that hencoop until morning.

"Along about noon I heard a splashing, and a big canoe filled with natives came in sight. I yelled at them and after much palaver they took me in. They were friendly savages on a visit from one small island to another. I went island-hopping as a guest, and it was months before the boats of the Yankee came ashore and took me off.

"A year later I landed in 'Frisco, just in time to be in the gold excitement. That's all. If your grandfather hadn't thrown me overboard in the middle of the Pacific ocean, it's not likely I'd have located the Challenge mine. I forgave him years ago, and you can bet I harbor no grudge against his grandson."

"He has been the one to suffer," said John. "He imagines himself your murderer, and for years has prayed for forgiveness. I expect to go back to him in a few days, and you must go with me."

Then he told John Hawkins the story of his boyhood and of the shooting of Arthur Morris. He told of his love for Jessie Carden, and of his determination to restore to General Carden the fortune filched from him by the elder Morris.

"When last I saw Miss Carden," said John, "she was the heiress to a comfortable fortune. I had nothing but health, strength and ambition, but she believed in my future, and something has told me that she would wait for me. I shall see her in a few days, and I wish her to be as proud and independent of my wealth as on that night I left her side, five years ago. She has been robbed of her birthright, but if my judgment of the value of L. & O. is accurate, it will be restored to the keeping of her father."

"I have news for you about L. & O.," said John Hawkins, "but first tell me exactly how you stand."

"The company is organized with one hundred thousand shares, of a par value of one hundred dollars each," he said, "with bonds to the amount of five millions more. Morris holds thirty-five thousand shares, and his associates twelve thousand. That is three thousand less than control, but he imagines that General Carden cannot exercise his option on ten thousand shares. As I wrote you, I've had Blake acquire this option from General Carden but of course, Morris knows nothing of this. By private purchase and in the open market, our agents have picked up twenty-nine thousand shares."

"Let's see," mused Hawkins. "I have 7,460, you have 29,000 and an option on Carden's 10,000. That makes a total of 46,460 shares. You yet lack 3,541 of control. Go into the market and buy 'em, my boy! You've done a great piece of work; a bigger one than you realize."

(To be continued.)

HE BROUGHT THE RAIN.

Hungarian Mayor Either Worked Miracle or Made a Great Bluff.

Hungary's great central plain has lately been suffering from lack of rain and the agricultural population are disquieted in consequence. At a village near Grosswardein called Rozasalva, the district judge—a government official and a man of university education, who must have taken a legal degree—convened a meeting of the inhabitants and informed them that the drought might infallibly be brought to an end if they would follow his instructions. The great bell in the church tower must be solemnly taken down from its place and deposited beneath the water of a deep well. This proceeding would have the effect of attracting the clouds and rain would result—of that his hearers might rest assured.

Full of admiration for the profound wisdom of their judge, the men of Rozasalva went to work without delay. The local clergyman blessed the undertaking and offered prayers for its success and the bell was solemnly lowered into the well in the presence of a believing and deeply impressed multitude. And the next day brought the longed-for rain.

Whether the immersed bell exercised any sort of influence upon the clouds there is no means of knowing, but it seems probable that, if the people were inclined to doubt, though the peasants of Rozasalva regard the miracle as proved up to the hilt.—Chicago News.

Good Reason.

Two little boys and two little girls were playing "house." The boys being the papas, of course. All went well until the papas insisted upon coming home to luncheon, although their wives repeatedly told them that they should stay down town in their offices until bedtime, which was until 5 o'clock. The argument finally grew so noisy that auntie came to investigate.

"Boys, why do you come home when the little girls ask you not to. Is it because you are so fond of them you cannot keep away?"

"No," said Tom disgustedly.

"Is it because you wanted another look at your beautiful children?"

"No," said Rob, with even more disgust in his tones. "It's because the girls eat chocolate for lunch and we want some."

Reason for Marrying.

They were talking about a friend of hers who had married a bishop etcetera in Timbuktu, or Timbuktu, or some other heathen land.

"I never could understand why she married him," said the young woman. "She seemed the last girl on earth to marry a bishop. She cared so much more for having a good time than she did for church work and sewing circles!"

"Girls are pretty wise nowadays," said the young man, "and they generally have a good reason for marrying the way they do. A girl friend of mine married a doctor so she could always be well for nothing; and maybe this girl married the bishop so she could be good for nothing."—New York Tribune.

Lake Baikal Wireless.

Advices from St. Petersburg tell of a service of wireless telegraphy at Lake Baikal, which is almost complete, and will be in working order soon. It will consist of three stations, one of which will be erected on the ice breaker, which will be enabled to communicate with both shores during its passage across the lake.

Real Estate Exchange

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list:

2.

Farm of 80 acres, well improved, well watered, house, building worth $2,000, 10 acres timber, 15 miles from Detroit, Bell Center station, Toledo railway to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

3.

Twenty-nine and two-thirds acres of land near Irish corners in Royal Oak township. It is an excellent land, four good buildings and fences all in good repair; 35 assorted fruit trees, 100 plum trees and plenty of other small fruit. Buildings insured for $1,000. Price $2,800. Terms easy. The place is just outside of the lighter soil of Royal Oak and cannot be beaten for anyone requiring a small farm within sight of Detroit fruit or poultry farming. Come and let us show you over the place some day.

5.

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 99 rods deep on Maple Ave. East, (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern convenience. Furnace, gas, sewer, etc. Can be bought for less than the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

6.

The VanEvery farm on the north shore of Wing Lake, 165 acres, two good houses, three barns, fine price $6,000. Terms enough to take 15 acres timber. Excellent fishing, boating and bathing. Terms easy

10.

Large, roomy two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences, 100 feet front, 165 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

12.

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 127 acres. Good farm house and farm buildings, flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of Troy; 40 acres good beech and maple timber, 4 acres fine grafted orchard. Circumstances render it advisable to sell at once, and the man who comes first will secure one of the best bargains in the country. Look it up.

13.

Farm in Southfield, 67 acres, of which 16 acres is timber, good beech and maple. Soil, clay loam. Creek runs through farm. Water in every lot the year round. New, small house and small barn. Terms easy and price so low that it will pay you to look it up. Will trade for Birmingham property.

16.

Fine fruit farm of 68 acres about 3 miles from Birmingham, nice rolling land, 5 acres timber. No waste land; 2,300 peaches, 100 plums, 800 grapes, 20 apples, 1½ acres raspberries, 4 acres strawberries, etc. Good house nearly new and small barn. Terms easy and price so low that for part pay. Tell you more about it if you ask us.

10.

A small farm of 5 acres, being part of the w½ of section 1, South field township, Oakland county. Fine good buildings; house, barn, fowl-house and pig-pen. Buildings insured for $1,000. Premises abundantly supplied with cold pure water from flowing well, which is piped to barn, furnishing plenty of water for stock or other purposes all the year round. Good fences, excellent soil, gravelly loam in high state of cultivation. House, two-story and wing, 9 rooms; wood-shed, cellar, cistern and all conveniences; 2¼ miles from Birmingham, over roads which are the best in the country; 40 rods from road school; 80 rods from Kirby's mill. Excellent neighborhood. This little farm is ready for business, without a cent for repairs or improvements. Price $1,800. Terms easy

33.

Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the most profitable farms in the township of Southfield, consisting of 56 acres. The price is $50 per acre, but the balance of the purchase price will be allowed to remain on mortgage at 6 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm or house and lot in Birmingham; three good buildings, excellent soil, within 2 miles of all the usual conveniences. There are other things which we will whisper in your ear upon application.

54.

Nice little forty-acre farm 6½ in Sanilac county for sale. Good soil, 12 acres cleared, 4 acres of orchard; a good barn and a comfortable log house; 14 miles from Port Sanilac; 4 miles east of Applegate post office on the F. & M. Ry.; will exchange for Birmingham property or a small farm breakout. For a poor man with a small amount to invest and a right good chance to work out the balance, this would be worth coming to see us about. Now don't go along all you hear and think you can come and will find it a good home. Come and tell us what you can do and what we can help you to do. It don't cost anything if we don't deal, and if we do, the man who is selling the property pays all the commission.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Maple Ave. East, 66 feet front and 99 rods deep, (half an acre), 80 ft. front, 116 ft. deep. Hot and cold water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Terms, one cash, balance on long time. Price $2,800. If you are curious or interested, just ask us for further particulars. If you are only curious it will be curious if we can't interest you.

42.

Brick house, good barn, and seven acres of land suitable for platting on south side of Maple Ave. adjoining the Oakland Park Opposition Subdivision. Price $3,500 and it is worth every cent of it. If you don't believe it, ask us about it and we will prove it.

44.

Fine Stock Farm—the celebrated Collins Farm—146 acres in township of Southfield, Buildings are in excellent condition (good condition) Large 19 room frame house, with ceiling divided into three compartments, and is surrounded with large bandsome elm trees. Horse barn with stalls for 14 horses and separate carriage room. Bank barn with dairy, over head track, cow stables underneath with cement floor and a or a substantial stack. Building doors, good windows, window guards, stone foundation, etc., etc. Horse barn 40x60, 16 box stalls and paddock. Horse barn with 4 box and 4 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Straw shed. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Office with large station attached and attached to paddock. Bull box stall with paddock secure and strong for this purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside closet for house. Outside closet for stable. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard, well trimmed and in good condition. Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles, Red Jonatians and Russets; 400 standard trees, 8 peach, 20 cherry, 25 plum, all of best varieties, 1 apricot, 2 quince, currants, gooseberries, raspberries, etc. 5 acres timber or wood lot. Water: Good well with iron pump at house; good well with iron pump at stables; branch of River Rouge runs across entire south end of farm and IS NEVER DRY. Farm is well tiled. Fences all in good shape, many of them entirely new. Condition of soil: Farm has carried an average of 40 head of stock during past five years. No feed of any kind and entire farm heavily manured. No commercial fertilizers used. Better inquire about this farm it may pay you.

55.

Village lots on Saginaw street, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by O. H. H. & R. Ry., south by Bower street, west by Saginaw street, 165 ft. front on Saginaw street, 178 feet deep on north side and 148 feet deep on south side; all in the village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village. Price $6.0

56

Lots 48 and 49 Randall's Addition, price $135.00 for the two lots (which is very cheap). Will exchange for small house and lot in Birmingham.

57

Farm of 20 acres, being the s e ¼ of e ½ of section 2, Farmington, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming locality of the county, with a fairly good outbuildings. There is no incumbrance on the property and it is less than a mile from the Farmington electric road. 3 acres of timber, elm, basswood, etc., and the price is only $45.00 per acre and you can have your own way about the terms of payment as long as you have cash enough to secure it. A postal will get you fuller particulars.

58

Good little farm in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland county, 30 acres—60 cleared, 10 acres timber, 2 acres of orchard, house and barn of but little value. Nice little side on the farm, good neighborhood and soil of the very best quality. Price $2,000. The price is the thing to make you consider. It can be bought for $40.00 per acre. Terms

69

House and lot, No. 1410 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit, a little over a block from the Boulevard; paved street, house and lot 40x100 feet; small barn; some fruit; buildings valued at $2,700; insured for $2,000. Will trade for Birmingham village property or for a small farm of not more than 5 acres.

60

House and two lots 150x200 just north of the corporation line in the village of Pontiac; plenty of small fruit and shade trees; two buildings worth $1,500 and will pay for the place if the buildings would cost to build. House and outrooms and pantry, cellar, good well, nice barn, buildings were built less than two years ago. Price $1,300 and terms very easy.

61

House of 11 rooms on lots 5 and 18 Castle's plat, fronting on Merrill and Martin streets, Birmingham. Good cistern and ample cellar. There is something about this place which we want to talk to you about and the price is so low that we are ashamed to tell you right out here. If you will call and see us about it, we will whisper.

71.

Ten acres, no buildings, 6 acres cleared, 4 acres elm and ash timber, 1¼ miles west of Birmingham, Mich. Price $50.00 per acre.

75

Part of n ½ of sec 23, Bloomfield, 40 acres, 7 acres of timber and pasture land, 5 acres orchard, balance in cultivation, house and barn 1¼ miles west of the D. & R. Electric Ry. Price $2,000 cash, or will trade for Detroit property. Good well, cellar, house and fine living water on the southerly end of the farm. Price $2,000 and terms easy on long time. It makes a nice little home in an excellent neighborhood, all ready to commence housekeeping at a price within the reach of all. Ask us about No. 75. A postal will get it.

75

Cottage, number 99 Oak Hill street, Pontiac, Mich., a little north of the Court House and court house. Price $975, cash or installments.

77

One lot on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John Carroll, and a little north. Anyone wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

83

The new offering in the real estate department of the Exchange Bank this week is a pretty little farm of 38 acres adjoining the village, 8 acres timber which is all large but scattered, an acre of orchard and a building lot, the latter insured for $1,500. Ask Whitehead at the Exchange Bank.

86

Eighty acres of excellent land with good buildings (insured for $3,000), fine orchard, four acres of best varieties of grafted fruit, within a mile of Northwood on the D. & R. electric line and half mile west of the Rochester line, 12 miles from Detroit and about a mile from Royal Oak station. Price $6,000. Terms enough to make it secure and the balance on long time at a low rate of interest. Worth inquiring more particularly about.

87

House and three lots on the corner of Townsend and Chestnut streets, one of the best locations. One of the best built and most comfortable residences in the village, with 120 feet front on Townsend and 165 feet deep. Modern ten room house with closets, cellar, well, woodshed and summer kitchen. Now this is a "thing of beauty and dead" and must not be repeated—but if you really have any interest of buying a home in this village within a year, you can't afford to overlook this place, because the price is only $3,600 and more than that—but that is a state secret and you can't find out a thing further, unless you come to Whitehead and ask him about it. Cross my heart, hope I may—never see-the-back-of-my-neck-if-taint so!

89

Lot on the east side of Baldwin Ave., in the Randall Addition. Fine building site. Price only $100.00.

90

Finest farm we know of, 154 acres one mile south of the village of Birmingham. Nine good buildings, 20 acres of timber, 4 acres of orchard, finest orchard in the country, one mile from the postoffice and one mile west of the electric railway. Flowing well. House heated with furnace. Price $8.00 per acre. Want to know more about it? All right; a postal will bring full particulars.

91

—Farm, 102 acres in the north part of Royal Oak township, 7 acres orchard, fine fruit, good buildings, good gravelly clay loam, very productive; buildings are insured for $3,000, price $90.00 per acre. Will exchange for Birmingham or Pontiac property.

93

140 acres adjoining corporation limits of Birmingham, 20 acres timber, 10 acres of excellent orchard. Excellent buildings—insured for $4,100. Beautiful branch of the little River Rouge furnishes living water for stock the year round. No waste land. Price $100.00 per acre. Other things about it which we have not space to tell about here, but they will interest you.

94

One of the best farms, without exception, in the township of Southfield, 123 acres and no waste land. Well tiled and thoroughly tiled, 10 acres excellent orchard, 10 acres good heavy timber. Two buildings valued at more than $3,000 and the place can be bought on easy terms for $60.00 per acre. There, if that don't get you to thinking we won't say more. If 10 cents worth of postal cards will tell you all about it by return mail.

95

103 1-3 acres in Southfield township, within 80 rods of a good school; no waste land, living water runs through the farm the year round, farm well fenced and thoroughly drained, buildings worth $4,500. Six acres of orchard, 10 acres of timber; a very productive farm, an ideal stock farm and at so low a price that we are not allowed to say right out loud what it is.

96

Yep! Here's your chance at last. Will exchange for Detroit city property. Farm of 160 acres in Southfield township, very productive soil, in a high state of cultivation, not a foot of waste land, 12 acres of timber, 8 acres orchard, buildings, best wire fences, farm thoroughly drained, 75 grape vines, 25 apple trees, 50 raspberries, two barns, fine dwelling, one story house (capacity 100), icehouse and milk house combined. Farm is from one to three miles from most profitable dairy business in the country, with railroad facilities and good market for all this desirable property. Price $95.00 an acre.

97

One hundred and eighty acres in the township of Bloomfield, Oakland county, Mich. No buildings, price ten dollars per acre. That's all.

98

Farm of 80 acres half a mile from the D. U. R. Electric Railway line and two miles from Birmingham, not a foot of waste land on the farm, 15 acres of orchard. Six buildings, dwelling with 22 rooms (brick), bath, hot and cold water with two windmills, 2½ miles from Pontiac, tenant house, all other farm conveniences. Now, say, if you will be good and get busy and inquire about it, we will tell you more, or what is better, if you will call, we will take you to see it. If you are interested in it, we will say right here that it can be bought very down below a hundred dollars an acre. Do it now.

99

An ideal country home for anyone. House worth $2,000 with all the conveniences you can have in the big, wicked city. Eighty-five acres, 3 orchards, 4 acres of fruit, 2 acres of asparagus, 2 acres fine orchard, whole farm fenced with best woven wire fence, 2 miles from Pontiac, 40 miles of the drain and about a mile from the electric road between Birmingham and Pontiac. Will exchange for improved city property. Price $100.00 per acre and when you take into consideration the fact that it adjoins the city, it is well worth the price. No! Well, you just let us take your hat and then if you think it and you are all right we will take it all back. Won't cost you anything to poke around a little and find out about it.

A beautiful and productive farm—no better in the county—and only a mile from the electric road, near Pontiac, Mich. Farm of three miles from Birmingham, four miles from Pontiac, lively little village runs through the place, furnishing plenty of water the year round. A mile and a half of state land, ten-room house and good outbuildings which are worth $5,000. Ten acres of timber, oak and hickory; 5 acres of good orchard; 40 acres new bearing peach orchard. Together an ideal stock or dairy farm. Nothing like it around Birmingham. But, we can show you this place, which will be sure to please you—if you can be pleased at all. More particulars? Nope. Costs too much. But, we will gladly ask about it on a postal (only costs you a cent) we will gladly do the rest. Honest, it's cheap at the price asked for it.

100

Farm of 77½ acres on the Twelve mile road, 1¾ miles east of the Rochester line, 40 acres good arable land, two-story house, good barn and buildings which are insured for for $1,500. Dark loamy soil, admirable for the raising of potatoes, plenty of fruit of all kinds. Price $6,300.

101

Farm of 31 acres in sections 35 and 15, Southfield; 2 acres best grafted fruit, 5 buildings insured for $2,100; all plow land, well drained and under a high state of cultivation. Price $3,000.

102

Two story brick residence in the village of Franklin, Mich., and one of the finest in the country, well and beautifully arranged, standing among the hills and valleys of the prettiest little village in Eastern Michigan. The grounds are divided into vegetable, provision, laundry and flower gardens, etc. The house has thirteen rooms and five closets, hot and cold water, furnace room, water closets, and in fact every convenience that you could possibly imagine in the city. Two barns, a woodhouse, pig pen, hen house and corn house combined. Nice little side on the farm, good neighborhood and soil of the very best quality. Price $3,000. The price is the thing to make you consider. It can be bought for $40.00 per acre. Terms

103

Eighty acre farm in White Lake township, Dr. 3, S. R. 8, W., Sec. 32; 70 acres cleared, to acres timber, buckbrush and swamp. (Don't laugh; this swamp netted the owner over $130.00 last summer). Fine house, 10 rooms, good 8 x 7 rooms, good neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce, fair roads and good road comes within a mile of the house. Price $3,000. Say, what do you want, anyhow?

104

House and barn and south half of four lots, corner of Fremont and Pierce streets, Birmingham; comfortable little house for small family, 50 feet front on Pierce street and 165 on Fremont. Price $1,300; terms easy. Will trade for other property.

105

Beautiful little 38 acre farm in Troy, on the Romeo branch of the D. U. R.; fine buildings, flowing well, 1 acre of apples, 1 acre of orchard, thoroughly drained and fenced with woven wire fence and cedar posts; buildings worth $2,000; house of 8 rooms, too bearing grapes. Well, if that don't satisfy you, we wouldn't come any, how. Just think: 38 and the car right at your door. Price $3,000. Terms easy. Will trade for Price $3,300. Come on and let us show it to you.

106

House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham, 120x130; well, cistern, cellar, fruit, worth $1,200 and that's all we ask for the place. Wouldn't that take you to the fair?

107

One of the finest residences in the village of Birmingham, 200 feet front on Brown and 200 on Daines street; 2 story house with furnace, 8 large rooms, well cistern, cellar, plenty of fruit; one block from electric cars for Detroit. Price $3,500.

108

About 15 acres of vacant property in the village of Birmingham, suitable for platting; 300 feet on Lincoln avenue, 200 feet on Brown and 200 on the line of the electric railway; will plat into 65 lots 30x125 each, and a thousand dollars cash will buy it with the balance of the purchase price on long time at low rate of interest. Honest, we are almost ready to take it ourselves. There is money in it for anyone who has time to devote to the selling of it, and who could take monthly payments, etc.

109

Lot 53½x150 in Randall subdivision, with nice little one-story cottage, on Greenwood avenue. Price $750.

110

Two story house and one lot in Campbell subdivision, rents for $15 a month in good neighborhood. Price $900; enough to secure.

111

Store and residence on Saginaw street; 182 feet front and 165 feet deep; one of the best locations for a business or residence property in the village. Price $3,000; enough to make it attractive, and if you are interested we can show you the property in less time than a minute. Do it now! Just grab a postal card and tell us your address, and what you want to know and you'll get it right off the bat.

112

Nice little farm of nineteen acres in the township of Troy, 1¾ miles from the electric railway; good for chicken raising; plenty of timber for fire wood. Log house and small frame barn and other buildings. Price $1,400.

113

Vacant lots No. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Castle's plat, Birmingham, Mich. About 242 feet front on Townsend Street and 165 feet on Merrill street. Good building sites, fine drainage and good locality. Price upon application; it's too cheap to mention in public.

114

Pine farm in the township of Southfield; 88 acres, of which 75 are cleared; and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard, 3 buildings worth $3,000, and this exceptionally fine place can be bought for $3,000. Nuf ced!

115

New house and one lot on the Randall subdivision, house not quite finished, but will sell for sale or trade, to make it in the present shape. Don't you believe a word about what we say to you about these places. Just come and let us show you and prove it to you, will you?

116

Farm in Southfield. Really you will begin to think we have the whole town of Southfield for sale. Well! we have a lot of it, and there is no place in Southfield we don't have it. Only they have been asking too much for it. Now they are just getting down to reason and some are very cheap. Fetnstance: 65 acres at $60 per acre; 4 buildings, nice spring of ever-flowing water, all good plow land, except 15 acres of scattering timber. No marsh land on the place. There!

117

Now, here's one that don't look quite so cheap, but just consider that it is the finest building site in the village of Birmingham and Pontiac, with an excellent orchard of six acres, good barn and fairly good house. Seventeen acres of the finest kind of land, and $4,500 will buy it down cash down and the balance can be paid at your own sweet will. Right on the electric railway.

118

Seven acres just outside the city limits of Pontiac, on Hiinsbeth Lake Road, less than one-half mile from electric railway. Buildings new, house 9 rooms, bath room, well and cistern, or will sell the buildings and one acre of land. Will sell the whole business for $2,200 with cash enough to insure you a good living, the balance on the installment plan, if necessary.

119

Two lots' house, barn and chicken house, corner Greenwood and Harmon in Birmingham, Mich., and it is one of the most comfortable and pleasing homes in the village. Buildings are nearly all new, good cellar, house and barn constructed along the east line of the property last summer, and it all paid for. Buildings are insured for $1,000 and the place will cost you only a little more than that. You really could not build the buildings and sidewalks for what it is asked for it. Ask the man at the Exchange Bank.

120

The fine farm 1½ miles south of Birmingham and a little north of Lake Angelus, with a school house on the electric railroad, and commonly known as the Parker farm, in sections 1 of Southfield and 6 in Royal Oak, 5 good buildings, Rich loamy soil, fine for right. No waste land. Terms easy or will exchange for Detroit city property.

121

One hundred and three acres just outside of the corporate limits of the city of Pontiac, on the Oakland county road; 3 acres orchard, 12 acres of oak timber, 9 buildings in poor repair (the buildings don't cost anything at the price we are asking for them), 90 acres of the finest kind of beautiful living spring of pure water, excellent soil. Formerly rented for $5 per acre, but it all paid for itself the first year. The veriest hint that you would like to see anything of this place and we will be ready to go with you to look it over. Farms of this kind are getting mighty popular, just now and we don't think they will be bought at ninety dollars per acre, you will understand that we'd better hurry.

122

Farm of 73½ acres at $65.00 per acre. Good gravelly loam, well fenced and drained. 7 acres of excellent orchard, 3 acres timber, 3 buildings valued at $3,500. Terms easy and highly low. One of the best farms in Southfield, about 3 miles from Birmingham. Take you to see it any time. It's worth looking over.

123

Nice little 40-acre farm near Big Beaver, (8, 15, 16 and 17 of T. 2 N. R. 12 E.) Good house and 2-story house with 11 rooms. An acre of good orchard, 5 acres of timber; a little over a mile from the Rochester Electric railway. Less than $60 per acre will buy it, and the terms are so easy that any man who knows business can pay for it.

124

Here it is and well worth the money. It's the justly celebrated Watkins Stock farm just west of the village, adjoining the electric line, and there is 120 acres of it and not a foot of waste land on the premises. We will frankly say without fear of contradiction that there is no finer farm in the state of Michigan. What's that? Too big! Well, that's as you may look and what you want. Say! Tell you what we'll do; we'll go out there either side of the road with the buildings, which are properly distributed, and we'll cut it up with a farm of 126 acres or 100 acres, just as you want it, and we'll down below $100 per acre that we are asking for it, too. 8 acres of timber and so buildings, engines, windmills. But there! What's the use? You must come and let us take you to see it. Only ten minutes drive from our office.

125

Lot No. 11, Blakeslee Addition to the village of Birmingham, Mich., nice frontage on Saginaw street, west side, an excellent neighborhood. No buildings. Price, $250.

126

Vacant lots 16, 17, 18 of William's sub-division, village of Oak village, north of Oakley. Price, $100 each. Terms easy, with small payment down.

127

House and lot on Fremont street in Birmingham, Mich., fronting Fremont, house nearly new, 5 rooms and closets, well and cistern. Price, $1,100.

128

Five-room cottage, Hood's Addition, Birmingham, on Stanley street. Comfortable little home, good well, cistern, fruit, garden, etc. Price, $700.

129

One of the finest residences on Saginaw street, Birmingham, 12 or 13 rooms, closets, furnace, hot and cold water; every convenience which you would have or ought to have in the city; without exception the finest location in our village, brick house, a stone and nearly new, cost $8,000 to build it; lot about 125 feet front on Saginaw street, and about 165 feet deep. And this price is so low that we wouldn't feet justified in mentioning it in our advertisement. Really, if you want the best house and lot in our village at a price far less than it cost to put it in its present condition, you simply cannot afford to miss it unless if you don't call on us and let us take you to see it. That's right!

130

Modest little cottage on Stanley street, 105 feet front, 60 feet deep, comfortable little house and plenty of room for a good garden. Price, $1,150. One of the cheapest places on our list and well worth the money. Come and look it up, and there are things we could tell you that explain why it is so cheap that it is offered for 25 per cent less than it is worth.

131

New 2-story house, 8 rooms, bath, cellar, fruit; desirable location on Maplewood, Birmingham. Price, $1,[illegible]

132

Large 10-room frame house on Saginaw street, basement under all, good furnace, bath, 2 bathrooms, hot and cold water, 3 grates, large attic, fine large barn, hen house, flowing well, all kinds of small fruit, nice lawn, with magnificent elms for shade. Will trade for Detroit property. Price of the land for $4,500 or the whole place for $5,500. It is right on the car line, and it is there is about two acres of land and the most sightly and picturesque view of the village. Come and look what is and you will never be sorry for having made the investigation.

Mrs. Newlywed's Complaint.

"What will we have for dinner, dear?" said Mrs. Newlywed to her husband as he started for the office.

"Oh, make your own selection, sweetheart," he replied, giving her a fond caress, as young husbands will.

"But, George, dear, we had roast pork Monday, roast lamb Tuesday and roast beef last night."

"Well?"

"Why can't they invent some more animals? It's so hard to choose from just those three."

Fork Fad.

Marker—The spread of the opium habit is something terrible. I am told that women of the highest class have been seen going into the opium joints.

Parker—Oh, that's all nonsense. Ladies of fashion go to opium joints to watch the Chinamen use chopsticks. They want to learn how to eat soup with a fork.—New York Weekly.

Situation Summed Up.

Wifey—How do you like my new hat, George, dear?

Hubby—Oh, I suppose I